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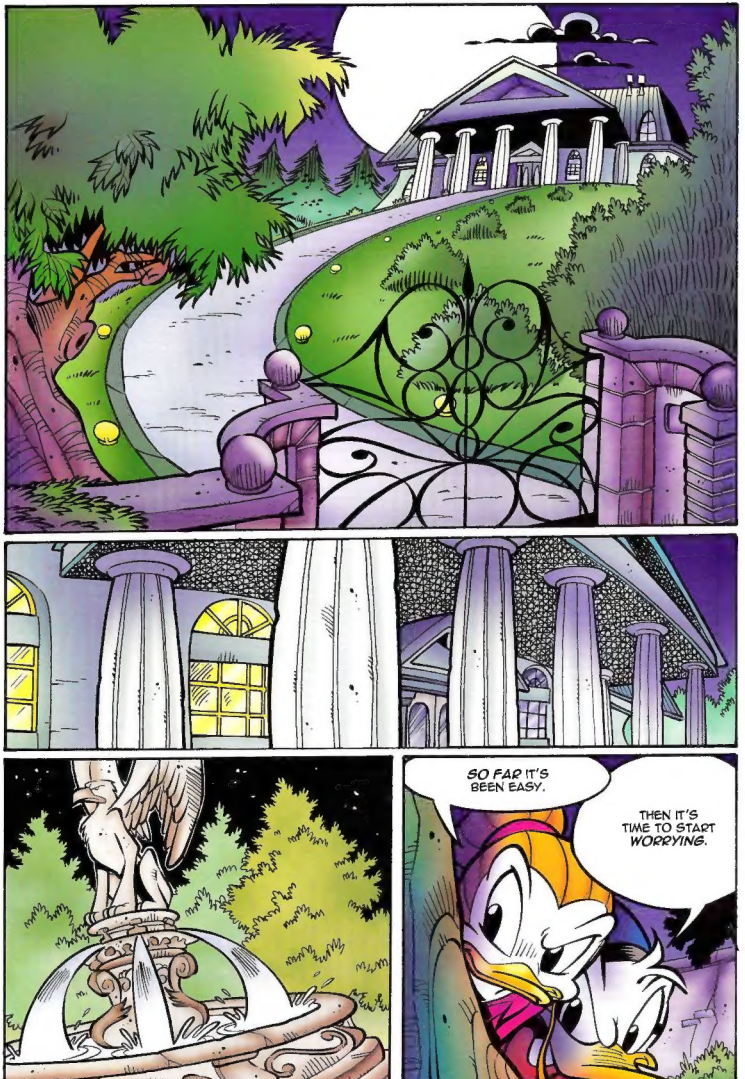
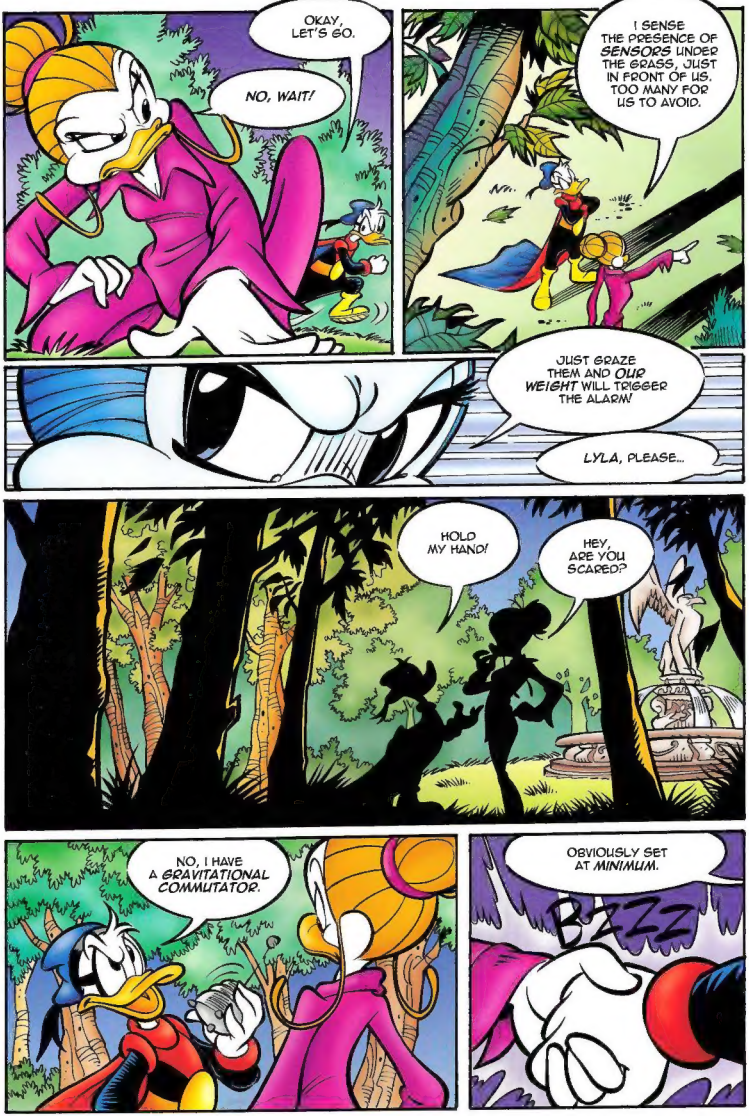
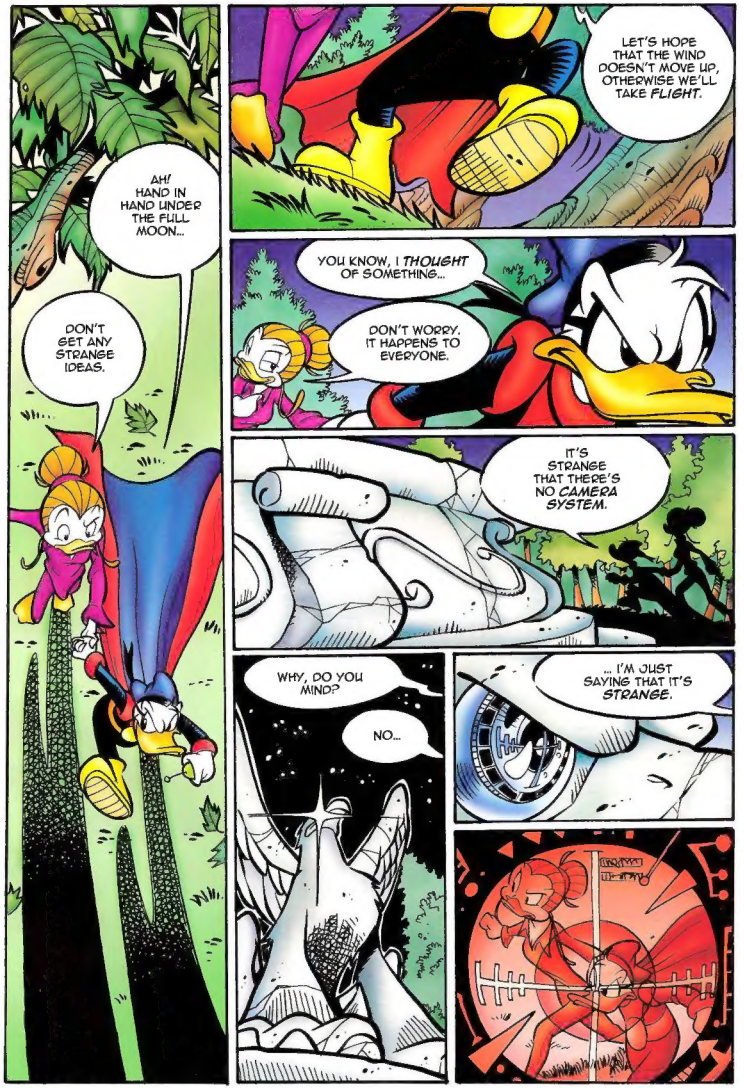
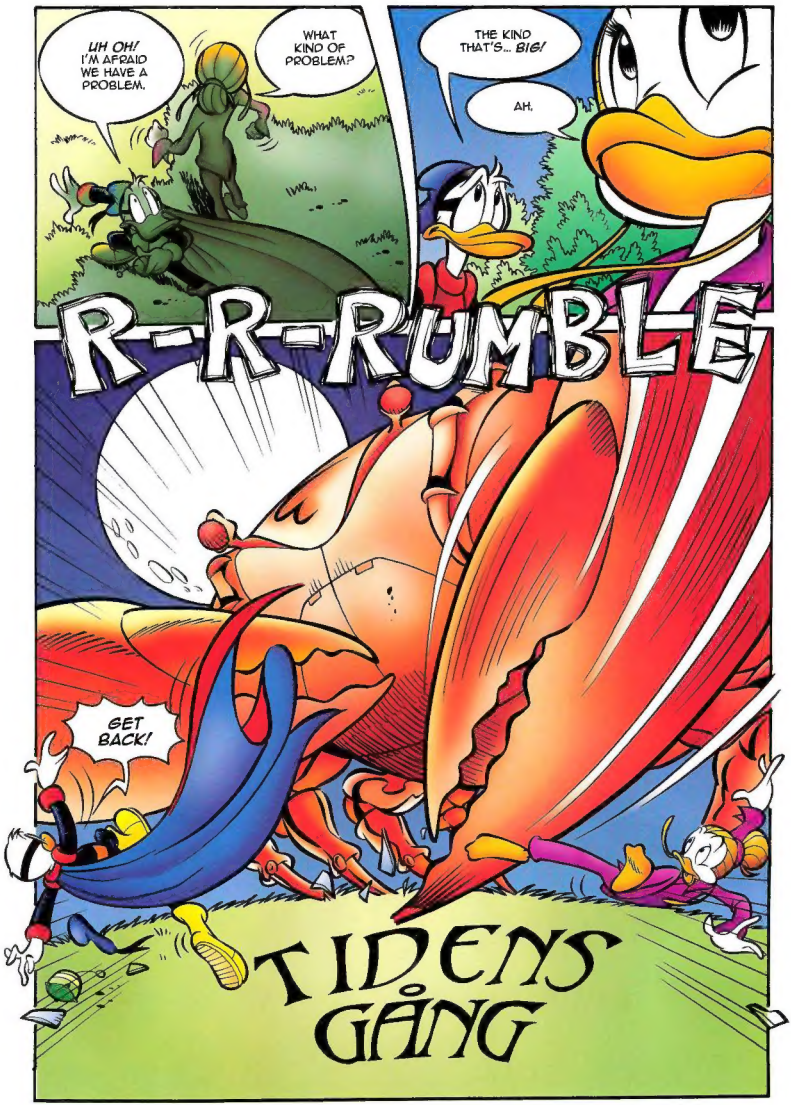
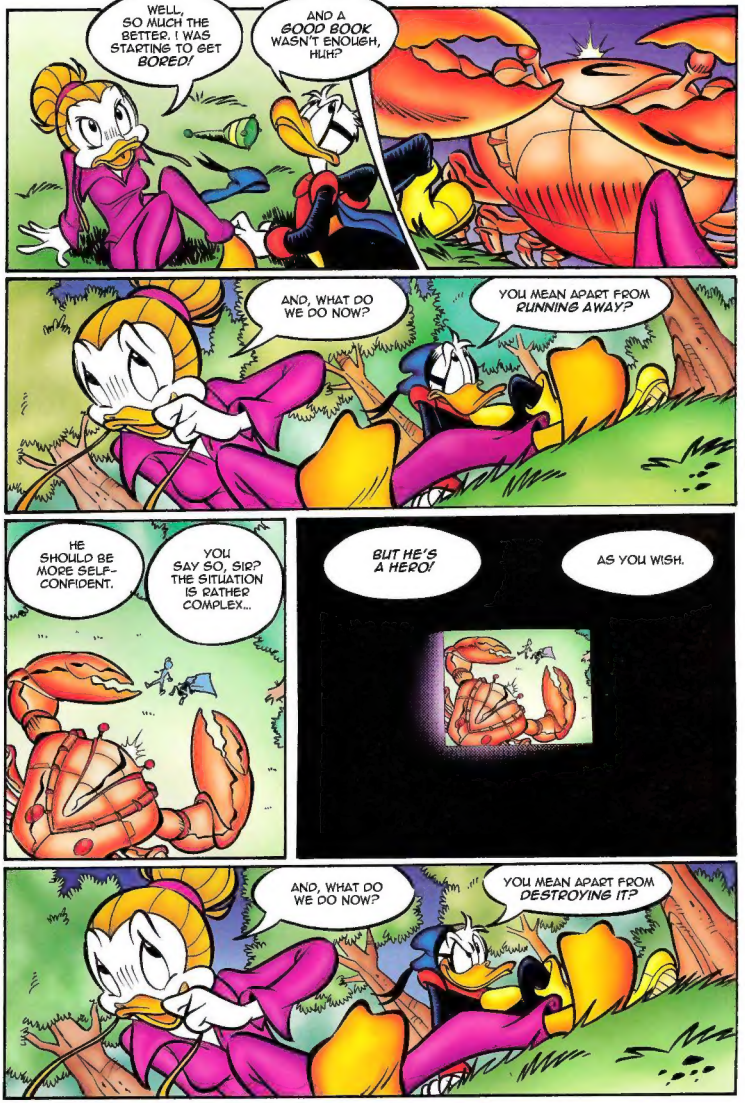

SO FAR IT'S BEEN EASY.
THEN IT'S TIME TO START WORRYING.


OKAY, LET'S GO.
NO, WAIT!
I SENSE THE PRESENCE OF SENSORS UNDER THE GRASS, JUST IN FRONT OF US. TOO MANY FOR US TO AVOID.
JUST GRAZE THEM AND OUR WEIGHT WILL TRIGGER THE ALARM!
LYLA, PLEASE...
HOLD MY HAND!
HEY, ARE YOU SCARED?
NO, I HAVE A GRAVITATIONAL COMMUTATOR.
OBVIOUSLY SET AT MINIMUM.
BZZZ


AH! HAND IN HAND UNDER THE FULL MOON...
DON'T GET ANY STRANGE IDEAS.
LET'S HOPE THAT THE WIND DOESN'T MOVE UP, OTHERWISE WE'LL TAKE FLIGHT.
YOU KNOW, I THOUGHT OF SOMETHING...
DON'T WORRY. IT HAPPENS TO EVERYONE.
IT'S STRANGE THAT THERE'S NO CAMERA SYSTEM.
WHY, DO YOU MIND?
NO...
... I'M JUST SAYING THAT IT'S STRANGE.


UH OH! I'M AFRAID WE HAVE A PROBLEM.
WHAT KIND OF PROBLEM?
THE KIND THAT'S... BIG!
AH.
R-R-RUMBLE
GET BACK!
TIDENS GÅNG


WELL, SO MUCH THE BETTER. I WAS STARTING TO GET BORED!
AND A GOOD BOOK WASN'T ENOUGH, HUH?
AND, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
YOU MEAN APART FROM RUNNING AWAY?
HE SHOULD BE MORE SELF-CONFIDENT.
YOU SAY SO, SIR? THE SITUATION IS RATHER COMPLEX...
BUT HE'S A HERO!
AS YOU WISH.
AND, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
YOU MEAN APART FROM DESTROYING IT?

THIS IS NO LONGER OF USE... TO US!
CLAC
KA BOOM

WOOSH
SK-K-K-K-K-RASH
I KNEW THAT IT WASN'T A HEAVYWEIGHT.
HMPF! ONE GOOD PUNCH AND IT WENT DOWN, LYLA!
LYLA?
I KNEW THAT WE WOULD BE DISCOVERED!
STOP WHINING, VLAD!

SOON THIS PLACE WILL BE FILLED WITH *TIME* POLICEMEN!
DON'T WORRY...
TAC TAC TAC
YOU KNOW THAT *WE* HAVE ALL THE... *TIME* WE WANT!
TAC TAC
IF I WERE YOU I'D BE LESS OPTIMISTIC, *MALVA!*
CAN YOU PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THIS? AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M BUSY.
YOUR EVERY WISH IS MY COMMAND!

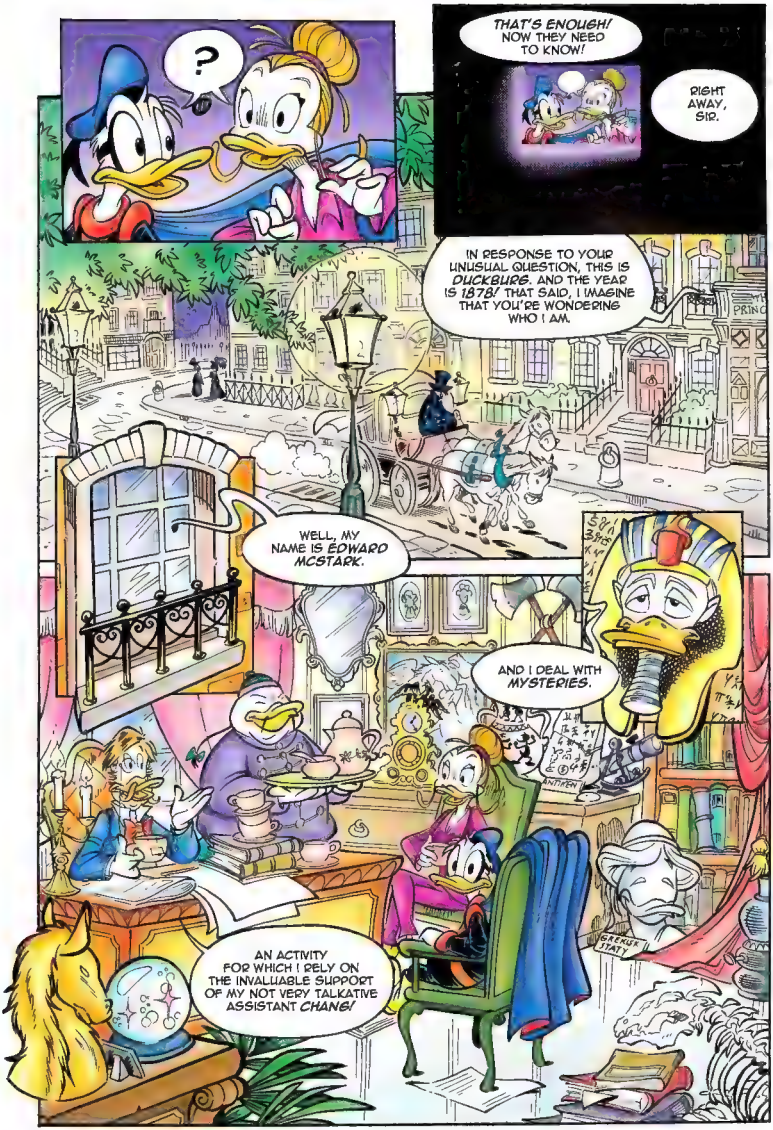
BA-DOOM
PEWW
DONE! LET'S GO!
FZZZ
VRASH
LYLA!
ARE YOU IN ONE PIECE?
I'LL CHECK LATER! WE MUST HURRY!

THEY'RE LEAVING!
THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBILITY LEFT!
JUMP!
AAAHHH!

FWOOOOMP
W-WHERE ARE WE?
PERTINENT QUESTION.
BUT I WONDER ABOVE ALL...
"... WHEN!"

ALTHOUGH I MANAGED TO DODGE IT, THAT EXPLOSIVE SHOT HAS DAMAGED ME.
I CAN'T CONNECT WITH TIME 0!
IS IT VERY SERIOUS?
AS SERIOUS AS BEING STUCK SOMEWHERE IN THE FLOW OF SPACE AND TIME, NOT BEING ABLE TO CALL SOMEONE TO TAKE US BACK.
WELL, AT LEAST IT'S NOT RAINING.
HEY, FOOTSTEPS APPROACHING! WE'LL ASK FOR INFORMATION.
TRY NOT TO GIVE TOO MUCH AWAY.
IF NOTHING ELSE, TRY IT...
GOOD EVENING! MY FRIEND AND I ARE COMING BACK FROM A... EHEM... COSTUME PARTY. WOULD YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO TELL US WHERE WE ARE...
THE HORSE AND EIVER
KRANG!
"KRANG?"
SO IT SEEMS!
... AND IN WHAT YEAR?

SKRASH!
KRANG!
FIRST THAT SUPERCRAB, NOW THIS!
AND TO THINK THAT AS A KID I WISHED FOR A ROBOT!
CRASH!
FSSSSSS
IN LIFE ONE MUST BE ABLE TO WAIT, DUCK AVENGER!
SBANG
I CANNOT HELP BUT PRAISE YOU, MY GOOD CHANG. AN UNDOUBTEDLY EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION, DESPITE IT'S SIMPLE EXECUTION.
WALTES SHOW

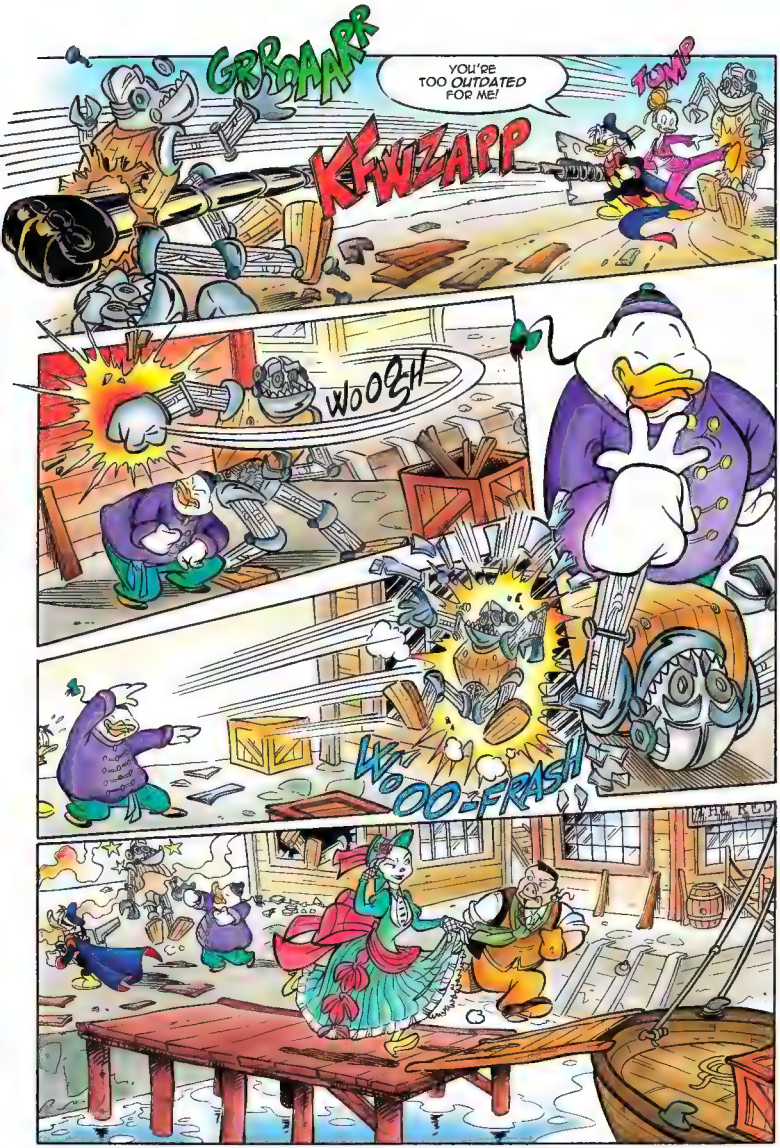

?
THAT'S ENOUGH! NOW THEY NEED TO KNOW!
RIGHT AWAY, SIR.
IN RESPONSE TO YOUR UNUSUAL QUESTION, THIS IS DUCKBURG. AND THE YEAR IS 1878! THAT SAID, I IMAGINE THAT YOU'RE WONDERING WHO I AM.
WELL, MY NAME IS EDWARD MCSTARK.
AND I DEAL WITH MYSTERIES.
AN ACTIVITY FOR WHICH I RELY ON THE INVALUABLE SUPPORT OF MY NOT VERY TALKATIVE ASSISTANT CHANG!

IT WAS PRECISELY MY WORK THAT LED ME CLOSE TO THE HOUSE OF MALVA ZELANA, JUST IN TIME TO SAVE YOU FROM THAT MECHANICAL AUTOMATON.
MALVA ZELANA!
DO YOU KNOW HER?
LET'S SAY THAT... I HAVE TO KNOW HER. IT'S A TASK ENTRUSTED TO ME BY ARTHUR CORNELL, MY DEAR FRIEND AS WELL AS THE OWNER OF FAMOUS FACTORIES.
MY CLIENT HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY THIS TENEBROUS LADY, WHO OFFERED HIM PATENTS FOR HIGHLY INNOVATIVE MACHINES.
FOR EXAMPLE, AN APPARATUS CAPABLE OF REPRODUCING MOVING IMAGES, AND A DEVICE THAT DOES COMPLEX CALCULATIONS IN A FEW... MINUTES!
SINCE THE AMOUNT SHE REQUESTED WAS INDIFFERENT, ARTHUR ASKED ME TO INVESTIGATE THE RELIABILITY OF THIS INVENTOR.
AND WHAT HAVE YOU DISCOVERED?
NOTHING.

MALVA ZELANA SEEMS TO HAVE NO PAST!
OBVIOUSLY! SHE CAME FROM THE FUTURE!
OOPS...
I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING STORY TO TELL.
YEAH. IT SHOULD BE THE TYPE THAT APPEALS TO YOU.
IS THERE SUCH A HURRY?
EVEN MORE THAN THAT!
FIRST I PICKED UP TACHYON EMISSIONS, AS IF THERE WAS A FRACTURE IN TIME...
THEN WE FOUND A WRECKED WATCHER IN AN ALLEY JUST A FEW METERS FROM OUR OFFICE. UGLY SIGNS, VLAD!
SE POINT

MAYBE SOMEONE HAS *FOLLOWED US*. AND YOU KNOW WHO I THINK IT IS.
THOSE TWO BUSYBODIES? IF THEY *LEFT* WITH US, WE SHOULD HAVE *ARRIVED* TOGETHER, RIGHT?
NO! IF THEY THREW THEMSELVES INTO THE VORTEX, THE CURRENT MAY HAVE THROWN THEM AT A POINT IN THE *SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM* CLOSE TO OUR LOCATION...
.. BUT *NOT* WHERE WE EMERGED, TWO MONTHS AGO.
THEN MAYBE WE SHOULD MOVE TO ANOTHER ERA.
REMEMBER THAT THE MACHINES HAVE LIMITED *CHARGES*. IT SHOULDN'T BE WASTED ON MERE SUSPICIONS. WE'LL JUST LIMIT OURSELVES TO A CHANGE OF AIR.
LONDON, FOR EXAMPLE! IT MUST BE LOVELY THERE IN THIS SEASON.
IT'S FULL OF GREAT BARGAINS!
YOU KNOW, *MALVA*, THERE'S ONE THING I DISLIKE ABOUT YOU...

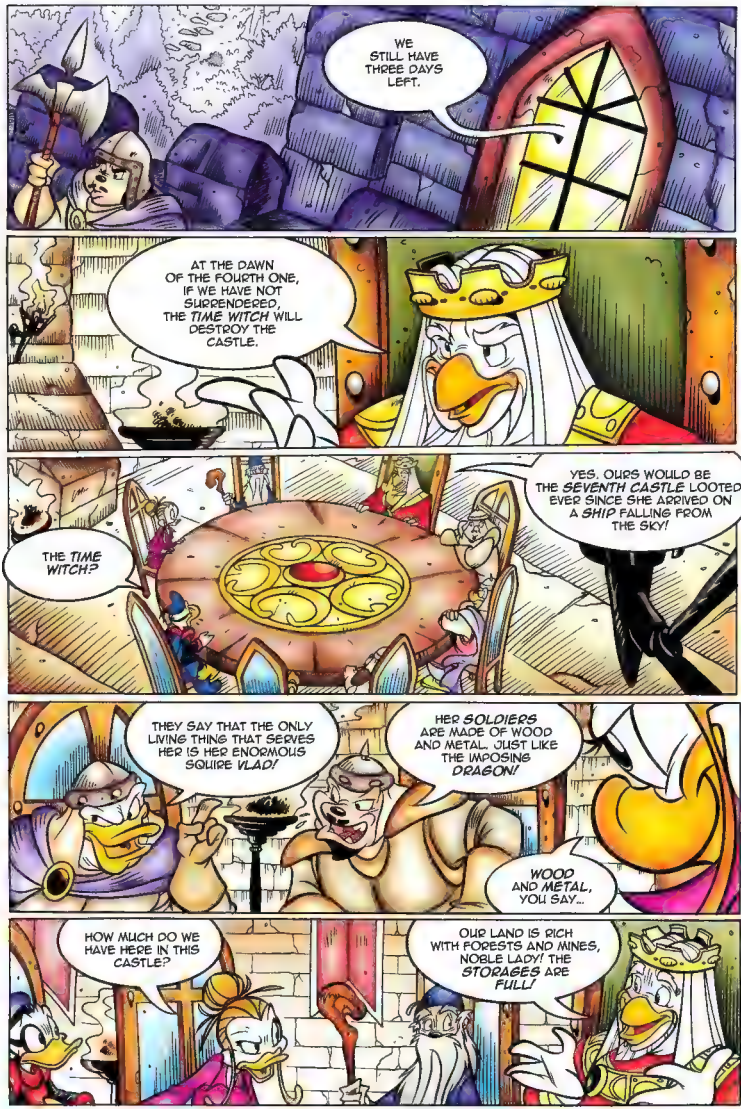
... YOUR BAD MANNERS! YOU ALWAYS LEAVE LIKE THAT, WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYE!
OH, I SEE THAT YOU'VE BROUGHT WITH YOU NEW FRIENDS! I TOO HAVE SOME!
SK-TRASH
WATCHERS... ATTACK!
MY FRIEND, I FEAR THAT THIS MATTER MUST BE SETTLED ON THE PHYSICAL PLANE.
KRANG!


GRRRAARR
KEWZAPP
YOU'RE TOO OUTDATED FOR ME!
TUMP
WOOSH
WOOO-FRASH

DEPLORABLY SLOW!
I ENTRUST IT TO YOUR CARE, CHANG.
HURRY, MALVA!
HERE WE GO, HERE WE GO...
TAC TAC
FZZZZZ
QUICK! THEY ARE LEAVING!
WHO KNOWS WHERE THEY THINK THEY CAN ESCAPE TO WITH THAT BOAT...
FZZZZZ
FZZZZZ

... EH?
FZZZZZZ
AAAH!
NEVERTHE-
LESS.

THEY HAVE ARRIVED, FINALLY!
THE INCANTATION WORKED!
WHAT PORTENTOUS MAGIC!
"... WHO WILL SAVE US!"
HELLO, FRIENDS! I THINK AN EXPLANATION IS NECESSARY...
NO. WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE, AND WHY YOU ARE HERE.
YOU ARE THE INVINCIBLE WARRIORS...


WE STILL HAVE THREE DAYS LEFT.
AT THE DAWN OF THE FOURTH ONE, IF WE HAVE NOT SURRENDERED, THE *TIME WITCH* WILL DESTROY THE CASTLE.
THE *TIME WITCH*?
YES, OURS WOULD BE THE *SEVENTH CASTLE* LOOTED, EVER SINCE SHE ARRIVED ON A *SHIP* FALLING FROM THE SKY!
THEY SAY THAT THE ONLY LIVING THING THAT SERVES HER IS HER ENORMOUS SQUIRE *VLAD!*
HER *SOLDIERS* ARE MADE OF WOOD AND METAL. JUST LIKE THE IMPOSING *DRAGON!*
WOOD AND *METAL*, YOU SAY...
HOW MUCH DO WE HAVE HERE IN THIS CASTLE?
OUR LAND IS RICH WITH FORESTS AND MINES, NOBLE LADY! THE *STORAGES* ARE *FULL!*

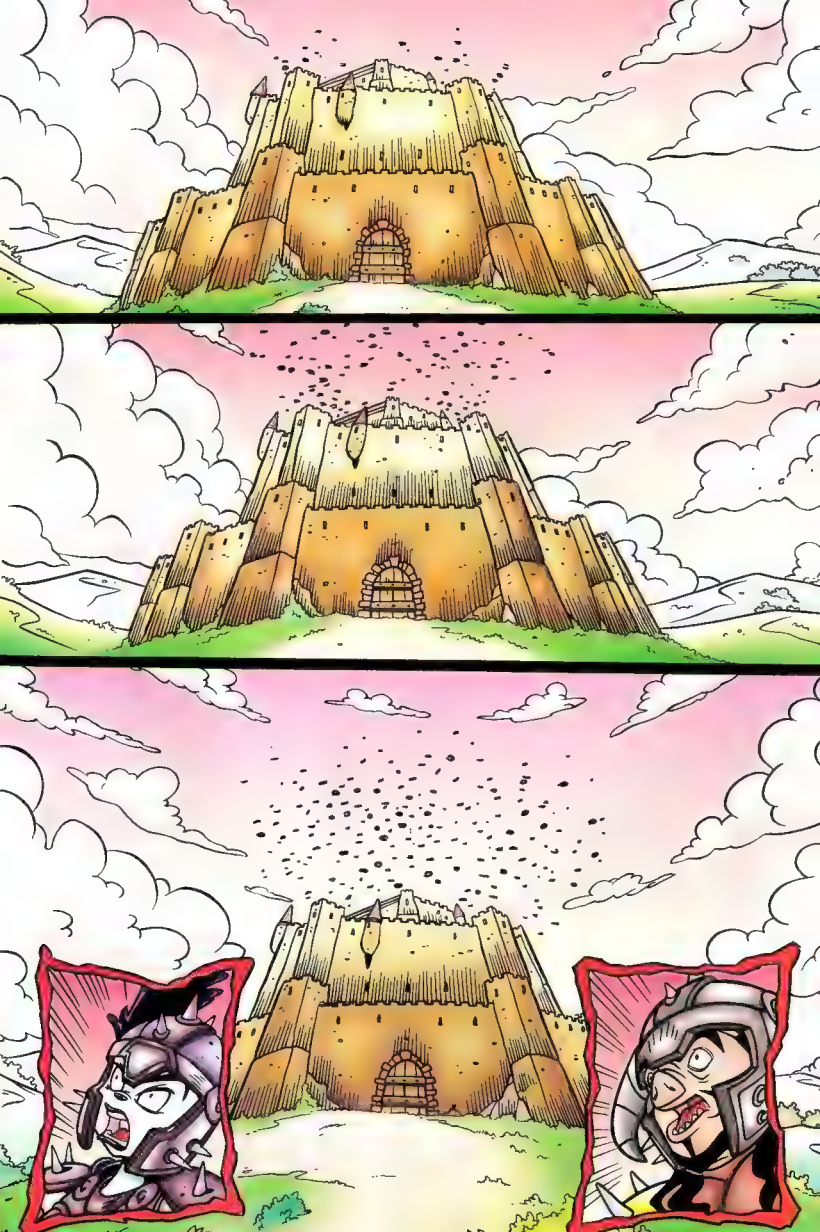
GOOD! WE'RE GONNA NEED THEM! I NEED ALL ABLE-BODIED MEN AVAILABLE... STARTING WITH BLACKSMITHS AND CARPENTERS!
AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE AN OBJECTIONS IF I USE YOUR LABORATORY!
IT WILL BE AN HONOR!
BUT, FIRST OF ALL, A WARNING.
THE MAGICAL ARTS I WILL USE MUST REMAIN SECRET.
IF YOU EVER TRY TO USE THEM YOURSELVES, YOU WILL FALL UNDER A TERRIBLE SPELL!
LYLA, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

SHE HAS TAKEN OVER, THEN!
SHE HAS A STRONG CHARACTER, AND REMARKABLE CAPABILITIES...

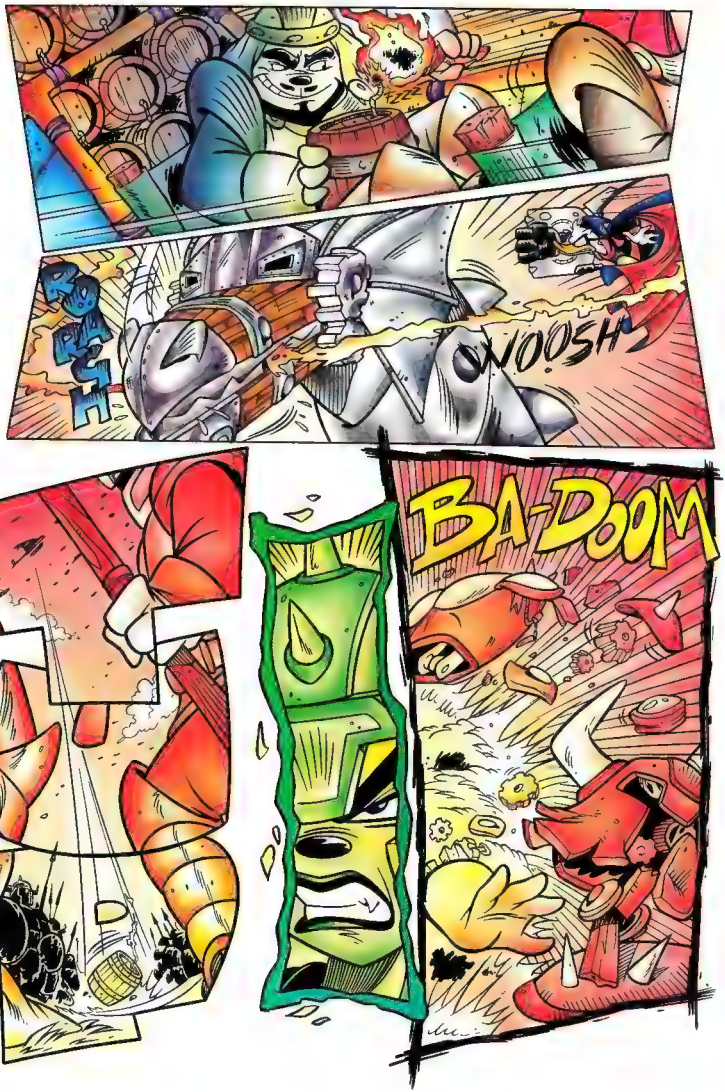
HOWEVER, WE MUST NOT FORGET WHO'S THE HERO!
THAT'S RIGHT. AND IN FACT HE'LL SOON HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE HIS WORTH!
WHEN?

THE DAWN OF THE FOURTH DAY!

GROARRR
LET'S WAKE THEM UP!

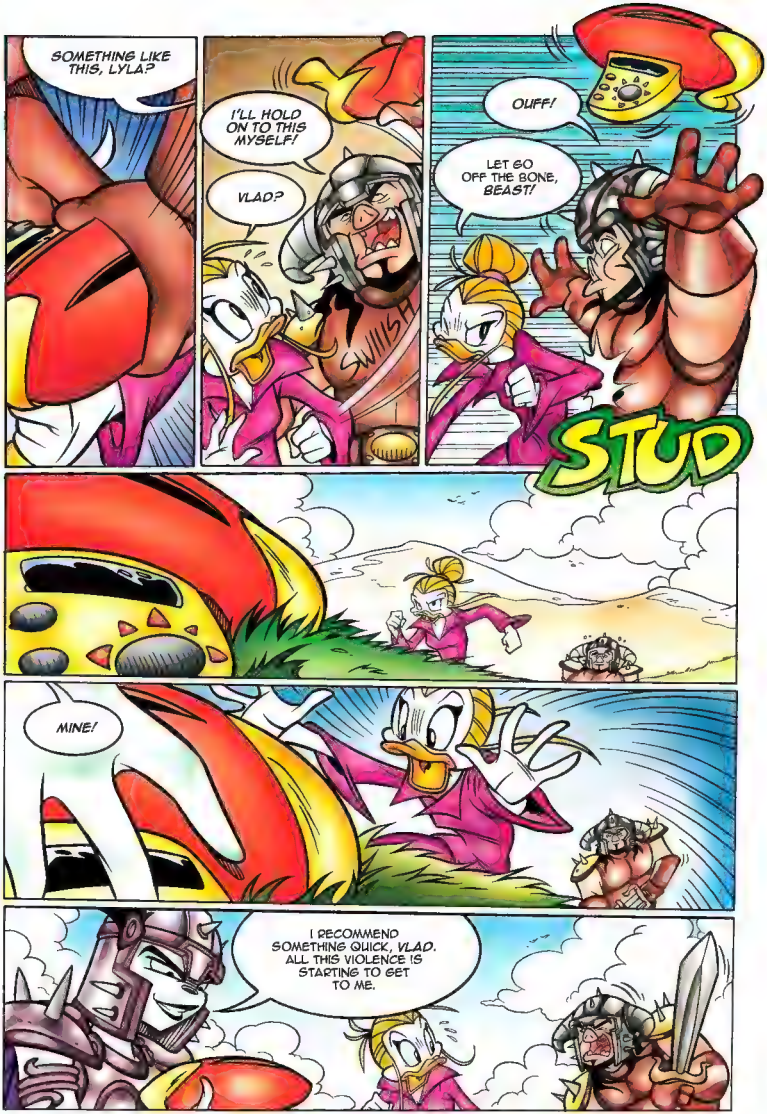


TO ATTACK!

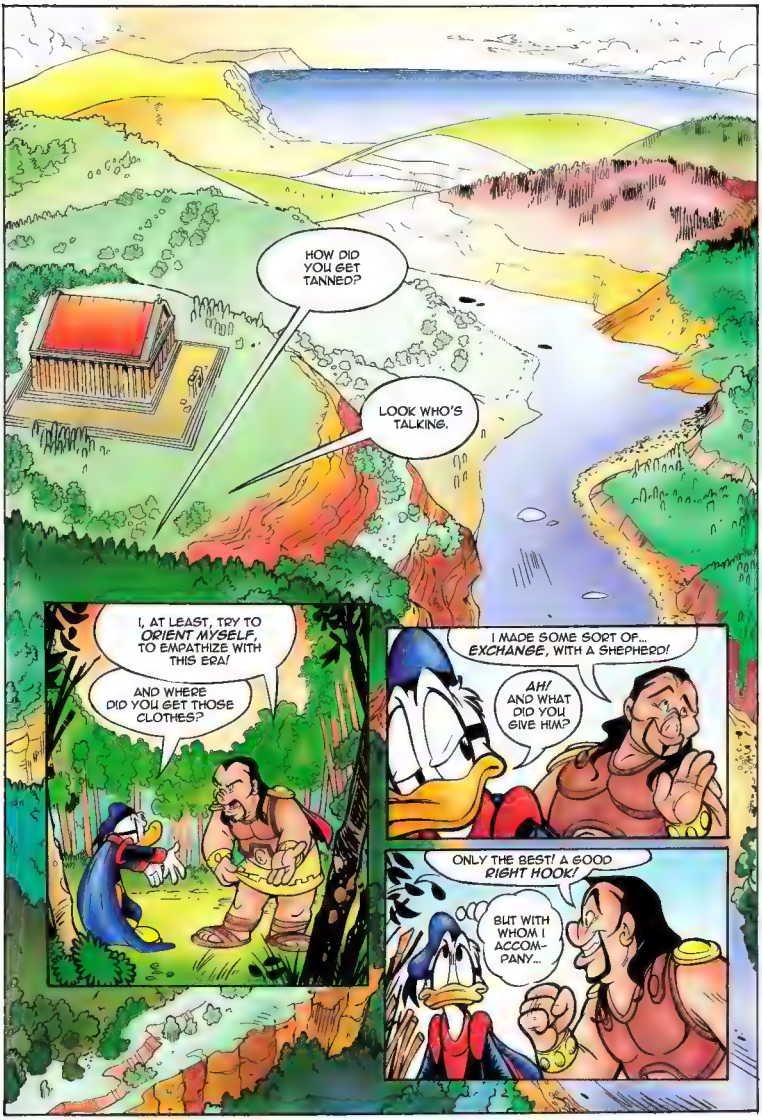

WOOSH
BA-DOOM

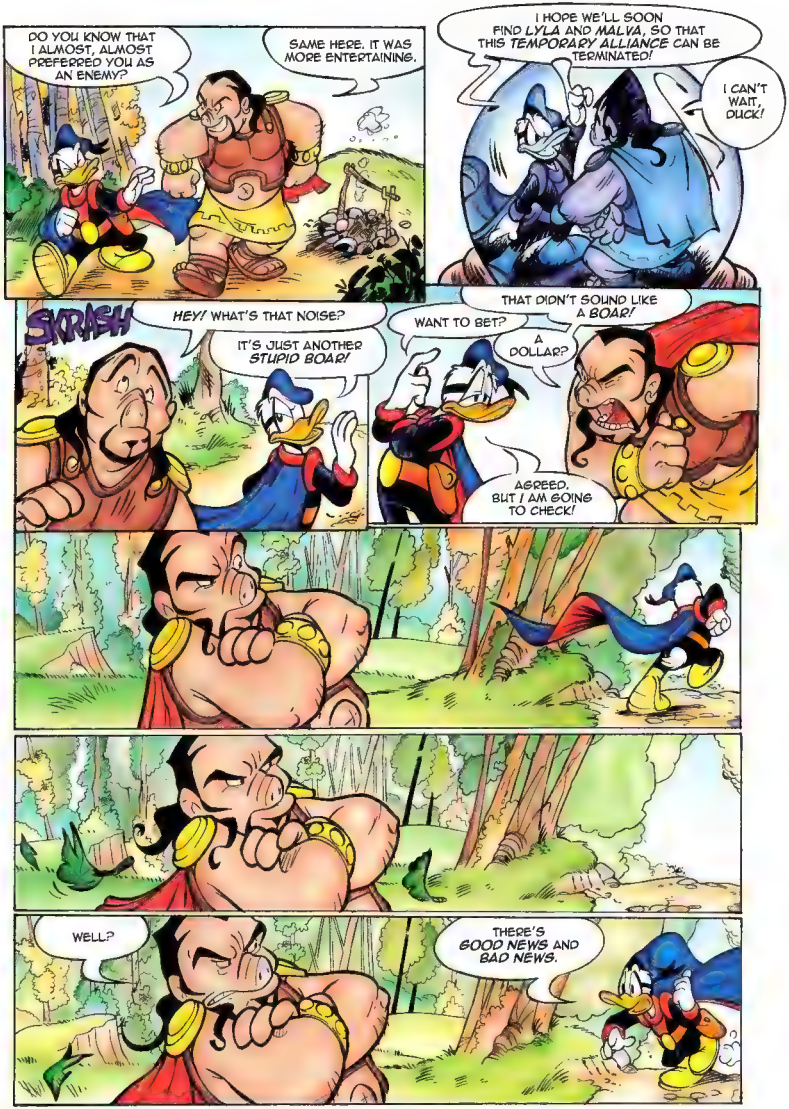
BHOOM
STAKA-KRASH
CLANG
TRASH

I WAS WAITING FOR YOU, MALVA! OR MAYBE I SHOULD CALL YOU... THE TIME WITCH?
LOOKING FOR THIS, I IMAGINE. YOU DON'T MIND IF I KEEP IT, RIGHT?
IF I WERE YOU I WOULD AVOID A PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION WITH A CLASS 5Y DROID. HOWEVER, IF YOU WANT TO RISK IT... IT WILL BE A PLEASURE!
MY MACHINE!
IF I WERE YOU, I'D LOOK BEHIND ME FIRST.
THAT'S A TRICK FROM Z MOVIES! I EXPECTED SOMETHING MORE!


SOMETHING LIKE THIS, LYLA?
I'LL HOLD ON TO THIS MYSELF!
VLAD?
SWIISH
OUFF!
LET GO OFF THE BONE, BEAST!
STUD
MINE!
I RECOMMEND SOMETHING QUICK, VLAD. ALL THIS VIOLENCE IS STARTING TO GET TO ME.

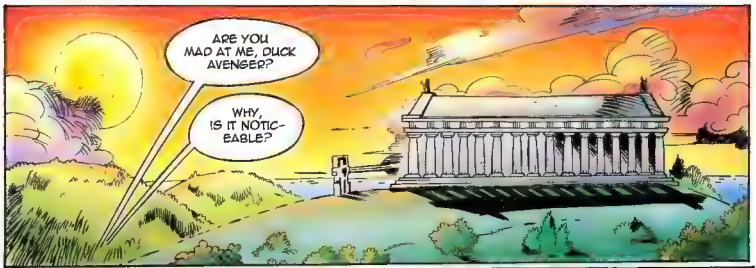
THERE'S NO ESCAPE, BEAUTIFUL!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!
WOOSH
SUPRISEEE!
STUMP
AAAH!
HANDS OFF!
AFTER YOU, PLEASE!
I HOPE FOR YOUR SAKE THAT THERE ARE GOOD DENTISTS IN THIS AREA!
HEY! DON'T PRESS THE...
ZZZZZZ
NOOO!
YOU'RE MINCEMEAT, BUFFOON!
AAAH!
OOOH!


HOW DID YOU GET TANNED?
LOOK WHO'S TALKING.
I, AT LEAST, TRY TO *ORIENT MYSELF*, TO EMPATHIZE WITH THIS ERA!
AND WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE CLOTHES?
I MADE SOME SORT OF... *EXCHANGE*, WITH A SHEPHERD!
AH! AND WHAT DID YOU GIVE HIM?
ONLY THE BEST! A GOOD *RIGHT HOOK!*
BUT WITH WHOM I ACCOM-PANY...


DO YOU KNOW THAT I ALMOST, ALMOST PREFERRED YOU AS AN ENEMY?
SAME HERE. IT WAS MORE ENTERTAINING.
I HOPE WE'LL SOON FIND LYLA AND MALVA, SO THAT THIS TEMPORARY ALLIANCE CAN BE TERMINATED!
I CAN'T WAIT, DUCK!
SKRASH
HEY! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
IT'S JUST ANOTHER STUPID BOAR!
WANT TO BET?
A DOLLAR?
THAT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE A BOAR!
AGREED. BUT I AM GOING TO CHECK!
WELL?
THERE'S GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS.

START WITH THE GOOD NEWS!
I OWE YOU A DOLLAR.
SKRASH
AND THE BAD?
THAT'S WHY I OWE YOU A DOLLAR.
SKRASH
i take you!
do not run!
CRASH
AAAH!

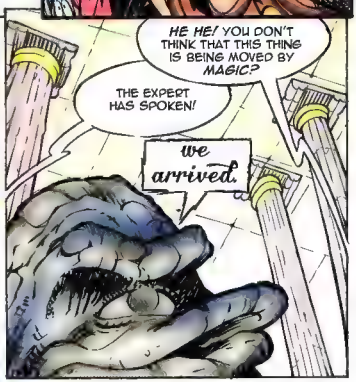
i capture!
SHORT NOTIONS, BUT HE'S CLEAR.
i bring you...
... to mistress!
I SEE, I SEE...
LET'S SHOW HIM WHO WE ARE, VLAD!
EHEM... VLAD, ARE YOU THERE?
HERE I AM!

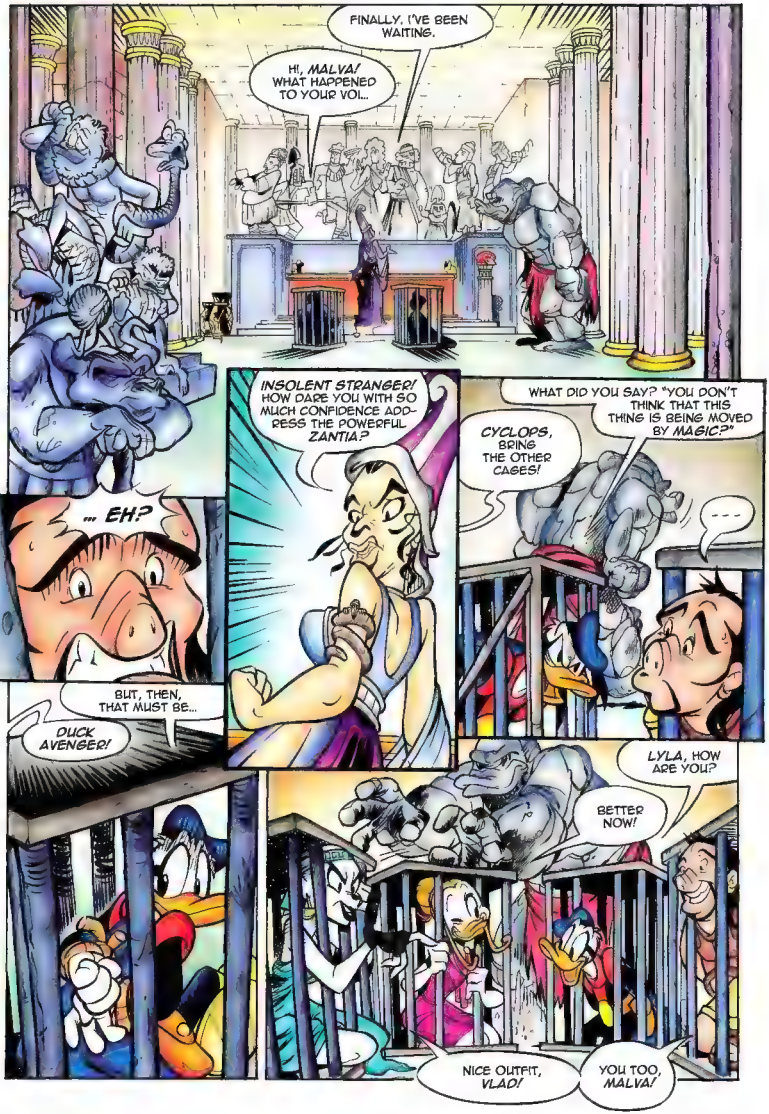

ARE YOU MAD AT ME, DUCK AVENGER?
WHY, IS IT NOTICEABLE?

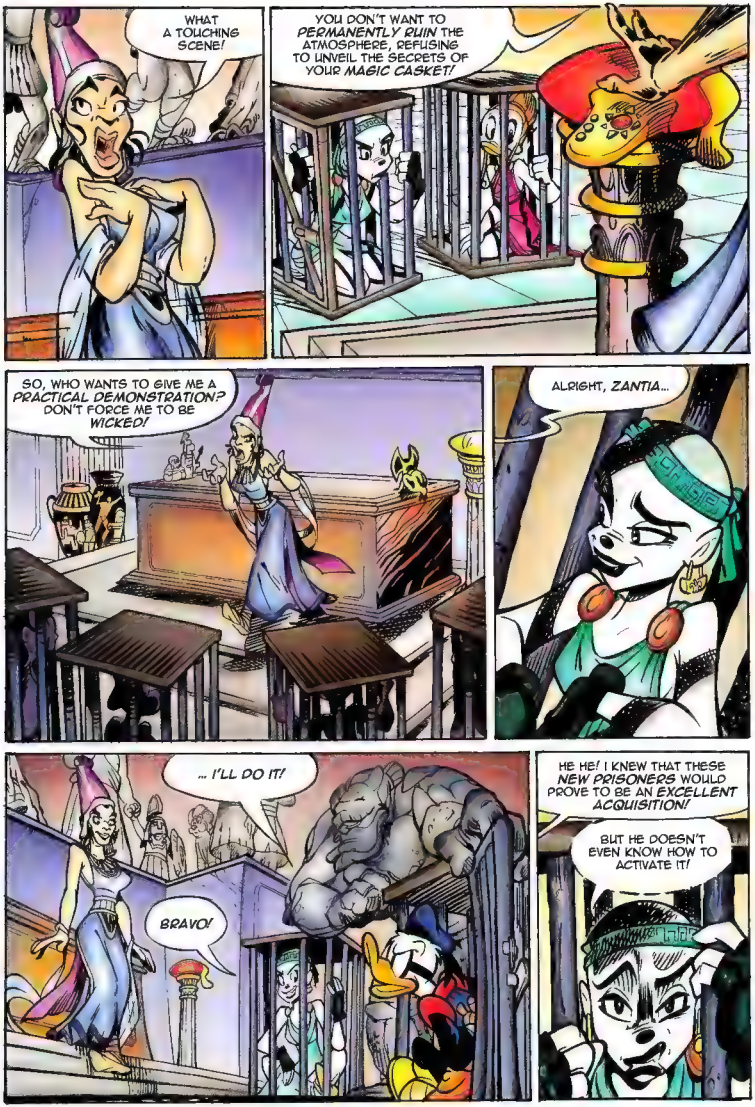
BUT YOU SHOULD BE THANKING ME, YOU KNOW?
THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME A KO.. AND LETTING US GET CAPTURED?

NO, FOR LETTING YOU FIND YOUR DEAR LYLA!
I DON'T FOLLOW.
WHO CAN BE THE "MISTRESS" OF THIS THING. IF NOT MALVA? AND WHEREVER SHE IS, LYLA SHOULD ALSO BE THERE, SINCE THEY CAME HERE TOGETHER.

AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT YOUR ACCOMPLICE IS COMMANDING THIS CYCLOPS?
THE FACT THAT THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A ROBOT!
NO MATTER WHERE SHE IS, MALVA ALWAYS FINDS A WAY TO BUILD SOME.


HE HE! YOU DON'T THINK THAT THIS THING IS BEING MOVED BY MAGIC?
THE EXPERT HAS SPOKEN!
we arrived.

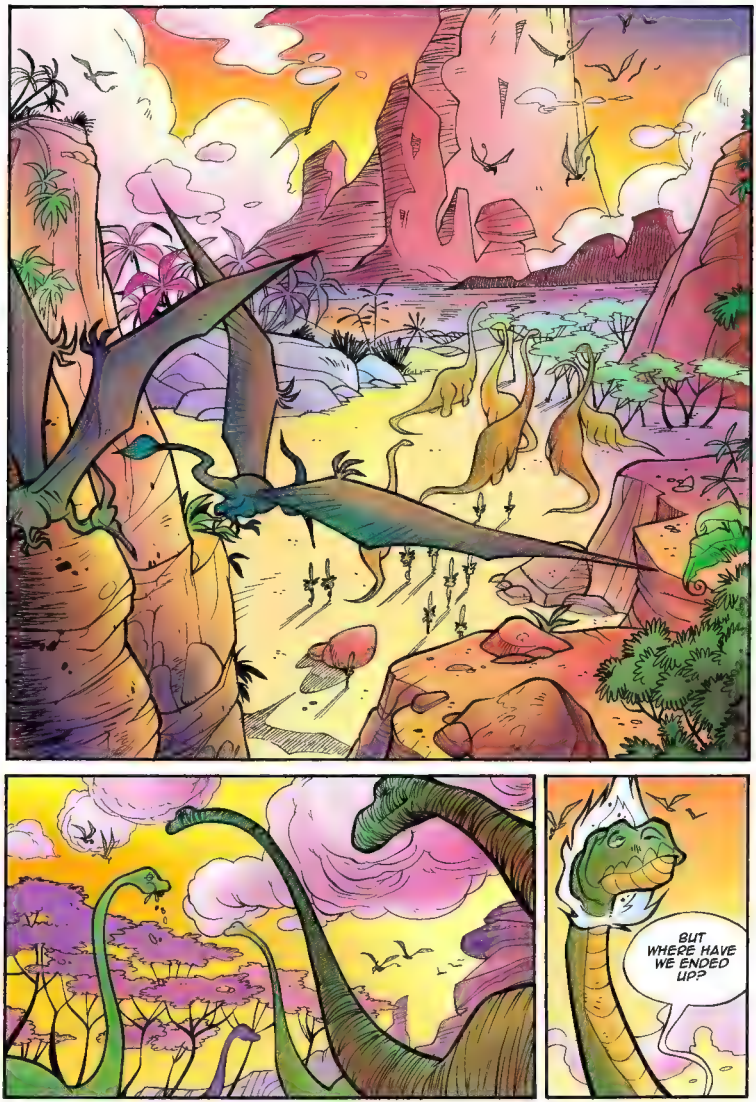

FINALLY. I'VE BEEN WAITING.
HI, MALVA! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR VOI...
INSOLENT STRANGER! HOW DARE YOU WITH SO MUCH CONFIDENCE ADDRESS THE POWERFUL ZANTIA?
WHAT DID YOU SAY? "YOU DON'T THINK THAT THIS THING IS BEING MOVED BY MAGIC?"
CYCLOPS, BRING THE OTHER CAGES!
... EH?
BUT, THEN, THAT MUST BE...
DUCK AVENGER!
LYLA, HOW ARE YOU?
BETTER NOW!
NICE OUTFIT, VLAD!
YOU TOO, MALVA!

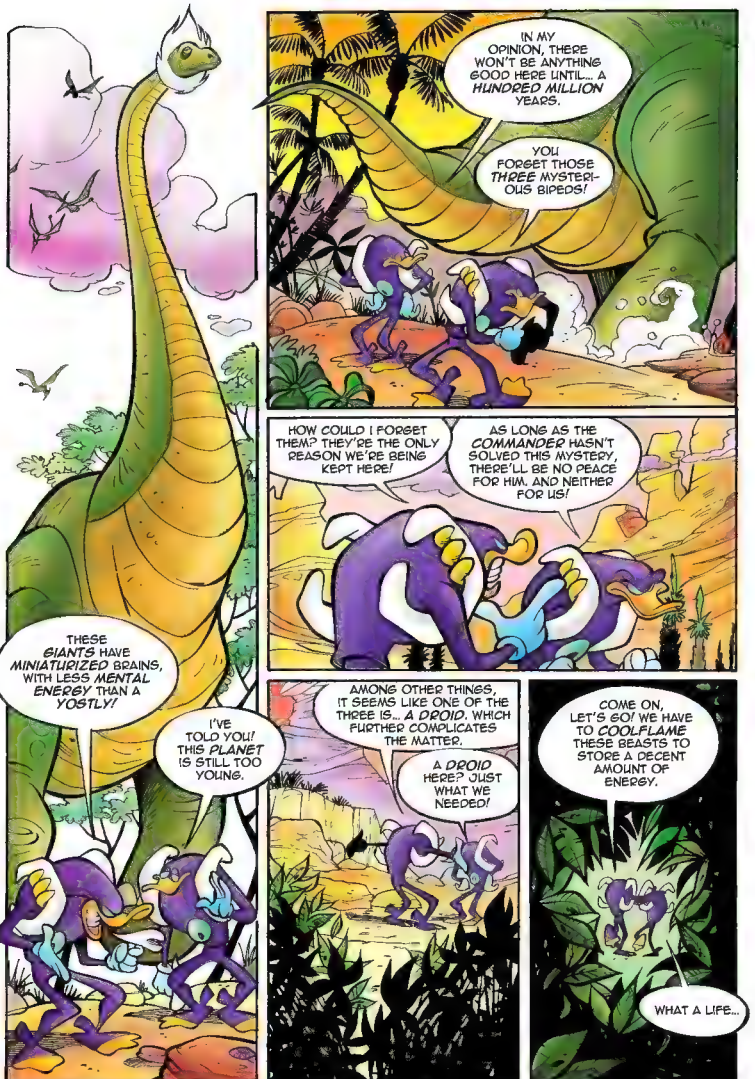

WHAT A TOUCHING SCENE!
YOU DON'T WANT TO *PERMANENTLY RUIN* THE ATMOSPHERE, REFUSING TO UNVEIL THE SECRETS OF YOUR *MAGIC CASKET!*
SO, WHO WANTS TO GIVE ME A *PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION?* DON'T FORCE ME TO BE *WICKED!*
ALRIGHT, *ZANTIA*...
... I'LL DO IT!
BRAVO!
HE HE! I KNEW THAT THESE *NEW PRISONERS* WOULD PROVE TO BE AN *EXCELLENT ACQUISITION!*
BUT HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO ACTIVATE IT!

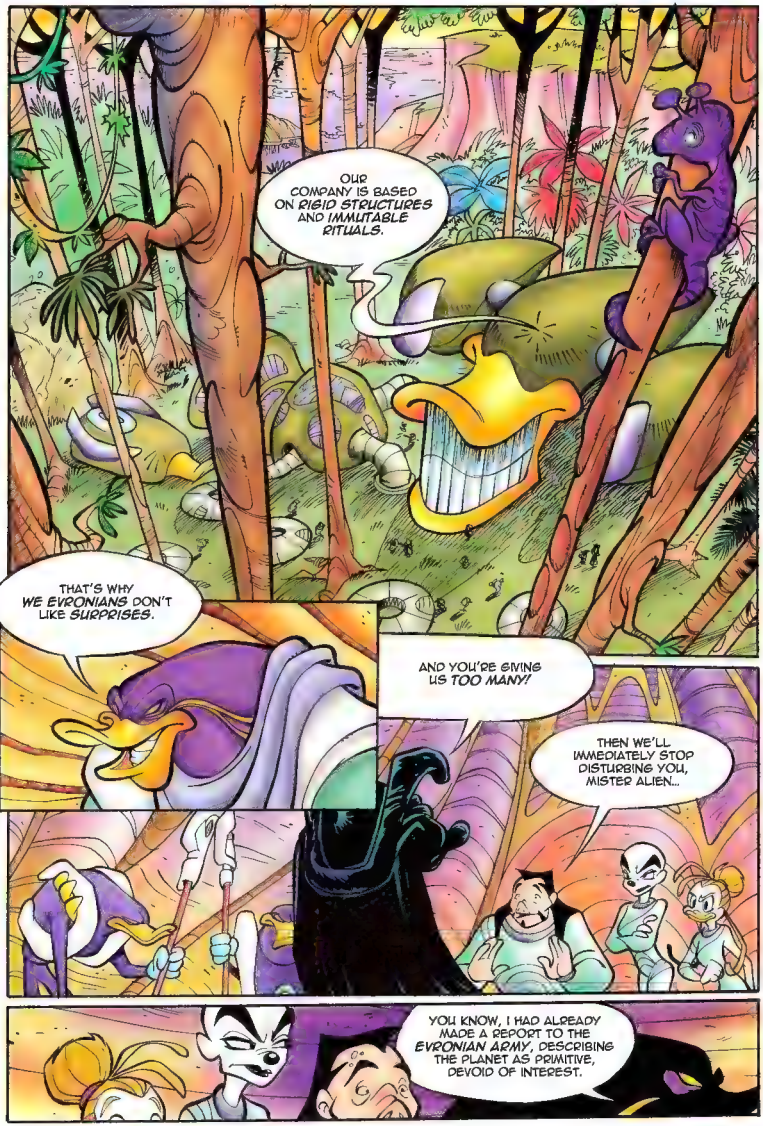
NOW I'LL UNTIE YOUR WRISTS, BUT I ADVISE YOU TO NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.
AND HOW COULD I? I'M UNARMED!
SO MUCH THE BETTER. BECAUSE SOMEONE HERE DOESN'T LIKE JOKES.
TOO BAD FOR HIM! BECAUSE I RATHER LOVE THEM!
WHAT?
AND FROM WHERE DID HE PULL THAT OUT?
FROM A SPECIAL SLOT IN THE BELT. THE SHAPE AND THE DENSITY OF THE SHIELD CAN BE SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED, AND THEN...
ENOUGH, I UNDERSTAND!
MAXIMUM POWER!
WHOO-DOOM

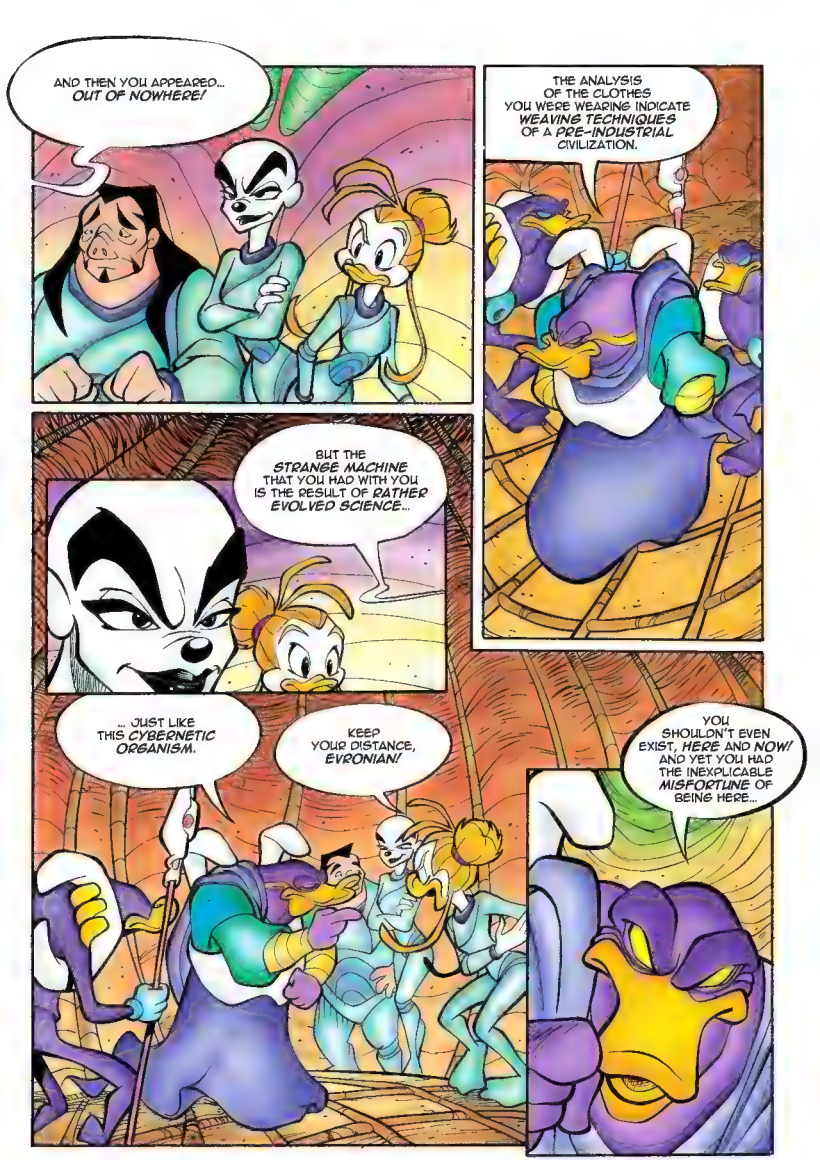
SKRATA-BOOM
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD THANK YOU.
SAVE IT. I DID THIS BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO USE THAT MACHINE!
DUCK AVENGER, HURRY UP...
SKREEEK
I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE'S ANGRY!
i dest roy!
YES, CYCLOPS! SHOW THEM ALL OF OUR POWER!
THAT SHIELD IS EQUIPPED WITH A BRADIONIC PARALYZER, RIGHT?
YEAH, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA.
IT SUSPENDS ONE'S PERCEPTION OF THE SUBJECTIVE TIME. BUT IT'S NOT MEANT TO BE USED ON STONE GIANTS!
DID I SAY YOU SHOULD USE IT ON THE STONE GIANT?

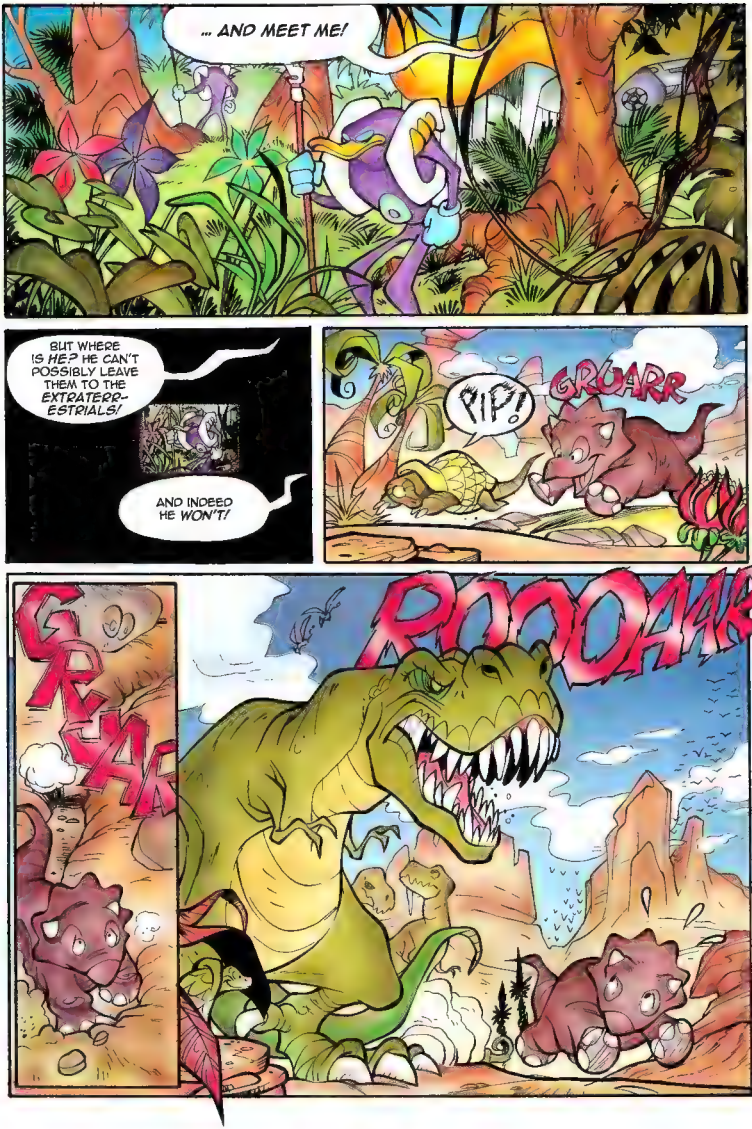
FORWARD, STOP THEM!
YOU STOP!
AAAH!
BZZZAP
AS I THOUGHT. HE WAS MENTALLY CONTROLLED BY ZANTIA!
BY STOPPING HER, WE STOPPED HIM.
FZZZ
CONGRATULATIONS, KIDS!
AN EXCELLENT DIVERSION!
BYE BYE!
TAC TAC TAC
FZZZ
NOOO!
FZZZZZZ


BUT WHERE HAVE WE ENDED UP?


IN MY OPINION, THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING GOOD HERE UNTIL... A *HUNDRED MILLION* YEARS.
YOU FORGET THOSE *THREE* MYSTERIOUS BIPEDS!
HOW COULD I FORGET THEM? THEY'RE THE ONLY REASON WE'RE BEING KEPT HERE!
AS LONG AS THE *COMMANDER* HASN'T SOLVED THIS MYSTERY, THERE'LL BE NO PEACE FOR HIM. AND NEITHER FOR US!
THESE *GIANTS* HAVE *MINIATURIZED* BRAINS, WITH LESS *MENTAL ENERGY* THAN A *YOSTLY!*
I'VE TOLD YOU! THIS *PLANET* IS STILL TOO YOUNG.
AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT SEEMS LIKE ONE OF THE THREE IS... *A DROID*, WHICH FURTHER COMPLICATES THE MATTER.
A *DROID* HERE? JUST WHAT WE NEEDED!
COME ON, LET'S GO! WE HAVE TO *COOLFLAME* THESE BEASTS TO STORE A DECENT AMOUNT OF ENERGY.
WHAT A LIFE...


OUR COMPANY IS BASED ON RIGID STRUCTURES AND IMMUTABLE RITUALS.
THAT'S WHY WE EVRONIANS DON'T LIKE SURPRISES.
AND YOU'RE GIVING US TOO MANY!
THEN WE'LL IMMEDIATELY STOP DISTURBING YOU, MISTER ALIEN...
YOU KNOW, I HAD ALREADY MADE A REPORT TO THE EVRONIAN ARMY, DESCRIBING THE PLANET AS PRIMITIVE, DEVOID OF INTEREST.


AND THEN YOU APPEARED... OUT OF NOWHERE!
THE ANALYSIS OF THE CLOTHES YOU WERE WEARING INDICATE WEAVING TECHNIQUES OF A PRE-INDUSTRIAL CIVILIZATION.
BUT THE STRANGE MACHINE THAT YOU HAD WITH YOU IS THE RESULT OF RATHER EVOLVED SCIENCE...
... JUST LIKE THIS CYBERNETIC ORGANISM.
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE, EVRONIAN!
YOU SHOULDN'T EVEN EXIST, HERE AND NOW! AND YET YOU HAD THE INEXPLICABLE MISFORTUNE OF BEING HERE...

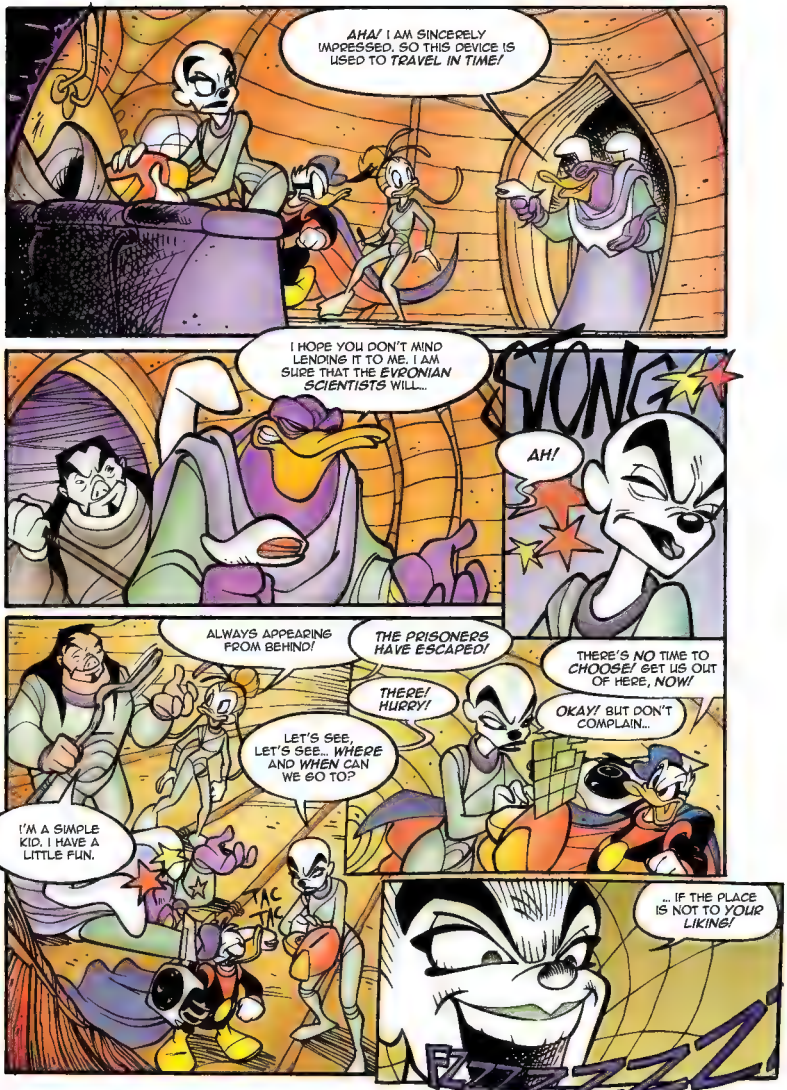

... AND MEET ME!
BUT WHERE IS HE? HE CAN'T POSSIBLY LEAVE THEM TO THE EXTRATERR-ESTRIALS!
AND INDEED HE WON'T!
PIP!
GRUARR
GRUARR
ROOOARR

RRRRR
PSSST, PSSST... HEY, YOU!
THUD
WOOOOSSH
ROOOAAARGH
AH! WHAT WE ALL DO TO GET NOTICED!
NOW WE'LL PLAY AN EASY EASY GAME! I RUN AWAY...
... AND YOU FOLLOW ME!

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO TALK, YOU'LL ALL BE COOLFLAMED!
A BIT STRESSED OUT, THIS GUY.
I THINK IT'S THE WEIGHT OF BEING IN COMMAND.
TUM TUM TUM TUM TUM
NOW WHAT? WHAT IS THAT PACKET?
TUM TUM TUM TUM
SIR... COME QUICKLY!
I SAID THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED!
TUM TUM TUM TUM TUM TUM TUM TUM

CRASH
GROOARG
WAAM
ZWIIIIIIIN
I HOPE, FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, THAT IT'S SOMETHING SERIOUS!
RRRRRRR
OUT! EVERYONE OUT!
WOOOOSH
CRUNCH
NOTHING AGAINST ME GOING INSIDE INSTEAD?

WHAT'S GOING ON?
SOMEONE IS... ATTACKING THE SPACESHIP!
THUMP
CRASH
SMASH
S-K-RASH
PRISONERS OF ALIENS! JUST CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE FOR ONE MOMENT...
DUCK AVENGER!
ROOAH
AND THIS IS MY MACHINE!
THEN USE IT!
MAYBE IT'S HERE! THIS IS THE LABORATORY!
WE CAN ONLY MOVE TO THE PAST! AND THERE'S NOT MUCH LEFT OF IT NOW...


AHA! I AM SINCERELY IMPRESSED. SO THIS DEVICE IS USED TO TRAVEL IN TIME!
I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND LENDING IT TO ME. I AM SURE THAT THE EVRONIAN SCIENTISTS WILL...
STONG
AH!
ALWAYS APPEARING FROM BEHIND!
THE PRISONERS HAVE ESCAPED!
THERE'S NO TIME TO CHOOSE! GET US OUT OF HERE, NOW!
THERE! HURRY!
OKAY! BUT DON'T COMPLAIN...
LET'S SEE, LET'S SEE... WHERE AND WHEN CAN WE GO TO?
I'M A SIMPLE KID. I HAVE A LITTLE FUN.
TAC TAC
... IF THE PLACE IS NOT TO YOUR LIKING!
FZZZZZZZ

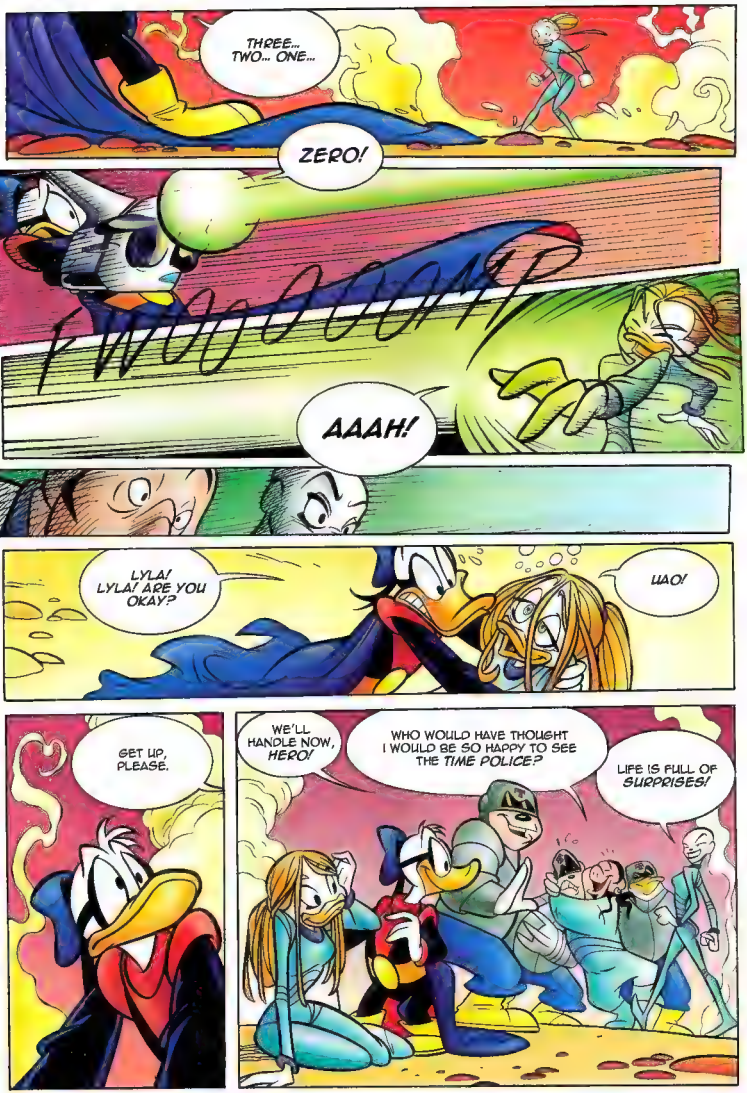
WHERE... WHERE ARE WE?
AT THE LAST STOP, DUCK AVENGER!

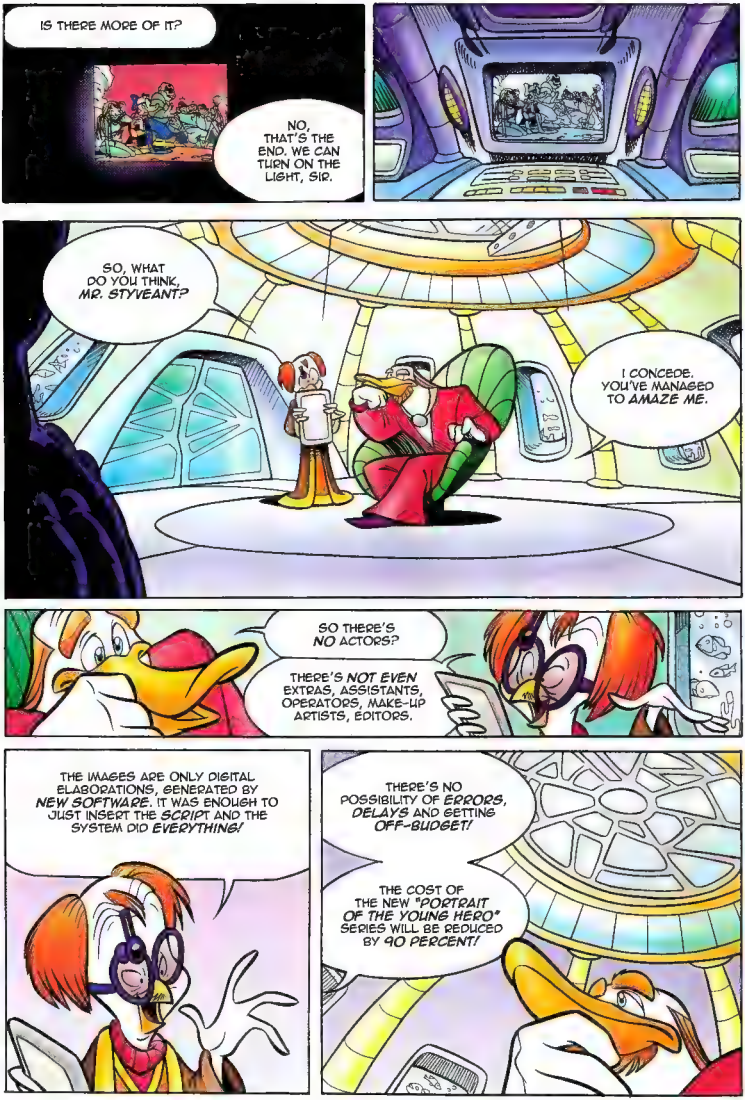
THIS IS THE DAWN OF TIME! WE CAN'T GET ANY FURTHER BACK!
QUACK!
IT'S OVER, LYLA. GO AHEAD AND DO YOUR DUTY. CALL YOUR TIME POLICE FRIENDS SO THAT WE CAN LEAVE!
BY THE WAY, WHY HAVEN'T YOU DONE THAT BEFORE?
GOOD GOING, VLAD! YOUR SHOT IN THE LABORATORY RUINED THE POWER SYSTEM FOR MY INTERNAL TACHYON COMMUNICATOR...
BECAUSE I COULDN'T. NOT BEFORE, NOT NOW.
... INTERRUPTING THE TRANS-TEMPORAL-TELEPATHIC CONNECTION TO THE COMMAND BASE!
I JUST WANTED TO SCARE YOU.
OTHER-WISE I WOULD HAVE CENTE-RED...
AND SO WE ARE STUCK HERE... ALONE!
NO, MALVA...
FRUSH!

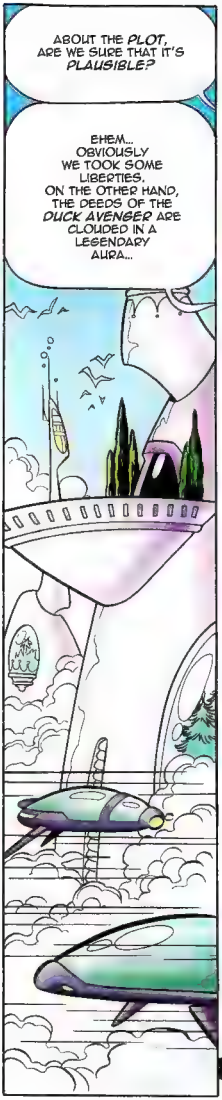
WE'VE GOT COMPANY!
WHAAAT?
HEEELP!
WOOOMP
OUFF!
HANG IN THERE, VLAD!
SWISH

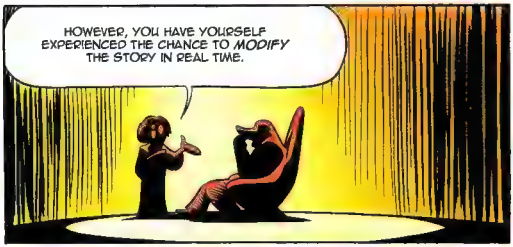
WHATEVER IT WAS, I THINK WE WON'T SEE IT AGAIN SOON!
THANKS, FRIEND! IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU...
BAH! A SIMPLE ENERGY BEAM WAS ENOUGH.
SAY WHAT?
WHY DIDN'T I EVER THINK OF THAT?
LYLA, ARE YOU SURE YOU ARE WELL?
GO AHEAD! HIT ME!
NO, YOU'RE NOT WELL!
I WANT TO HARNESS YOUR ENERGY BEAM TO POWER UP THE TACHYON COMMUNICATOR! IT SHOULD LAST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO SEND A S.O.S.!
THAT'S ABSURD!
NO...
IT MIGHT WORK BUT I DON'T LIKE IT... IT'S DANGEROUS.
NO MORE THAN STAYING HERE!

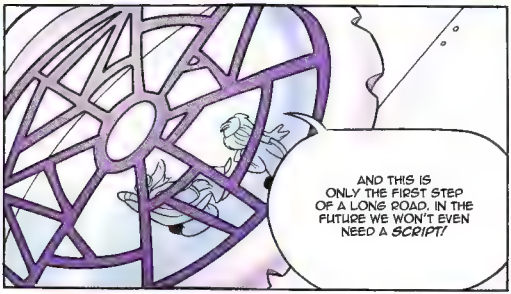
HEY! DON'T THINK THAT SOMETHING SO LITTLE IS ENOUGH TO HURT ME!
DUCK AVENGER, DO YOU TRUST ME?
WHAT A QUESTION!
THEN DO IT!
OKAY?
OKAY!
HEROISM AND FRIENDSHIP! I LIKE IT.
I WAS SURE OF THAT, SIR!

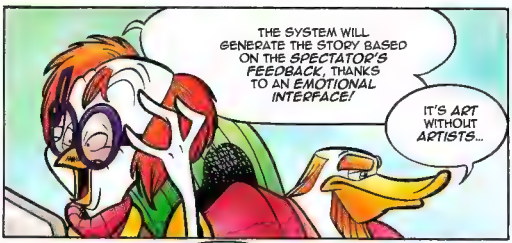

THREE... TWO... ONE...
ZERO!
WOOOOOOP
AAAH!
LYLA! LYLA! ARE YOU OKAY?
UAO!
GET UP, PLEASE.
WE'LL HANDLE NOW, HERO!
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT I WOULD BE SO HAPPY TO SEE THE TIME POLICE?
LIFE IS FULL OF SURPRISES!


IS THERE MORE OF IT?
NO, THAT'S THE END. WE CAN TURN ON THE LIGHT, SIR.
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK, MR. STYVEANT?
I CONCEDE. YOU'VE MANAGED TO AMAZE ME.
SO THERE'S NO ACTORS?
THERE'S NOT EVEN EXTRAS, ASSISTANTS, OPERATORS, MAKE-UP ARTISTS, EDITORS.
THE IMAGES ARE ONLY DIGITAL ELABORATIONS, GENERATED BY NEW SOFTWARE. IT WAS ENOUGH TO JUST INSERT THE SCRIPT AND THE SYSTEM DID EVERYTHING!
THERE'S NO POSSIBILITY OF ERRORS, DELAYS AND GETTING OFF-BUDGET!
THE COST OF THE NEW "PORTRAIT OF THE YOUNG HERO" SERIES WILL BE REDUCED BY 90 PERCENT!


ABOUT THE PLOT, ARE WE SURE THAT IT'S PLAUSIBLE?
EHEM... OBVIOUSLY WE TOOK SOME LIBERTIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DEEDS OF THE DUCK AVENGER ARE CLOUDED IN A LEGENDARY AURA...


HOWEVER, YOU HAVE YOURSELF EXPERIENCED THE CHANCE TO MODIFY THE STORY IN REAL TIME.


AND THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP OF A LONG ROAD. IN THE FUTURE WE WON'T EVEN NEED A SCRIPT!


THE SYSTEM WILL GENERATE THE STORY BASED ON THE SPECTATOR'S FEEDBACK, THANKS TO AN EMOTIONAL INTERFACE!
IT'S ART WITHOUT ARTISTS...

ART? WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ART? IT'S JUST A SHOW, RIGHT?

YEAH.

YOU CAN GO NOW. YOU'LL HEAR FROM ME.
I TRUST YOUR FORESIGHT, SIR.

RANK, NAME UND MODEL-NUMBER.
AGENT LYLA LAY, DROID CLASS 5Y.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, AGENT LAY? I DIDN'T FIND ANY IRREGULARI-TIES IN YOUR SOFTWARE!
Walt Disney
IT'S SOMETHING I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND, DOCTOR FATHOM! IT'S SOME KIND OF DOUBT, OR RATHER...
...A QUESTION!
IT ALL STARTED THREE DAYS AGO...

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'TIL EVENING, THEN!
AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE DESSERT! I'M ON A DIET!
BUT I'M NOT! SO PREPARE WHAT-EVER YOU WANT, DEAR, PROVIDED IT'S WELL FRIED, VERY SWEET AND FORMED LIKE KINKS!
WHAT'S THIS QUESTIONING LOOK? DON'T YOU GET IT? WE INVITED OURSELVES FOR DINNER AT YOUR PLACE, DEAR LYLA...
YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, ARE YOU?

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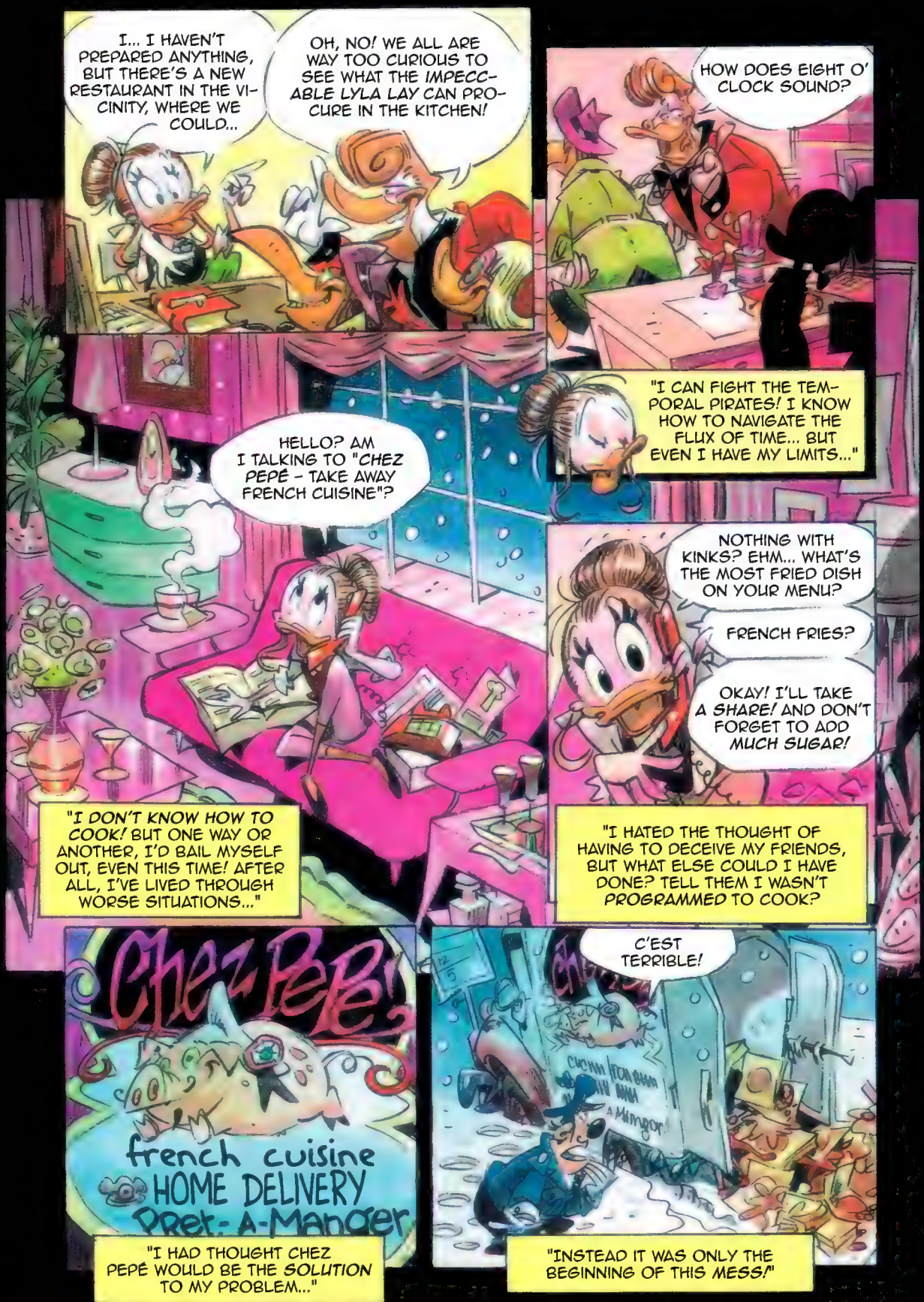
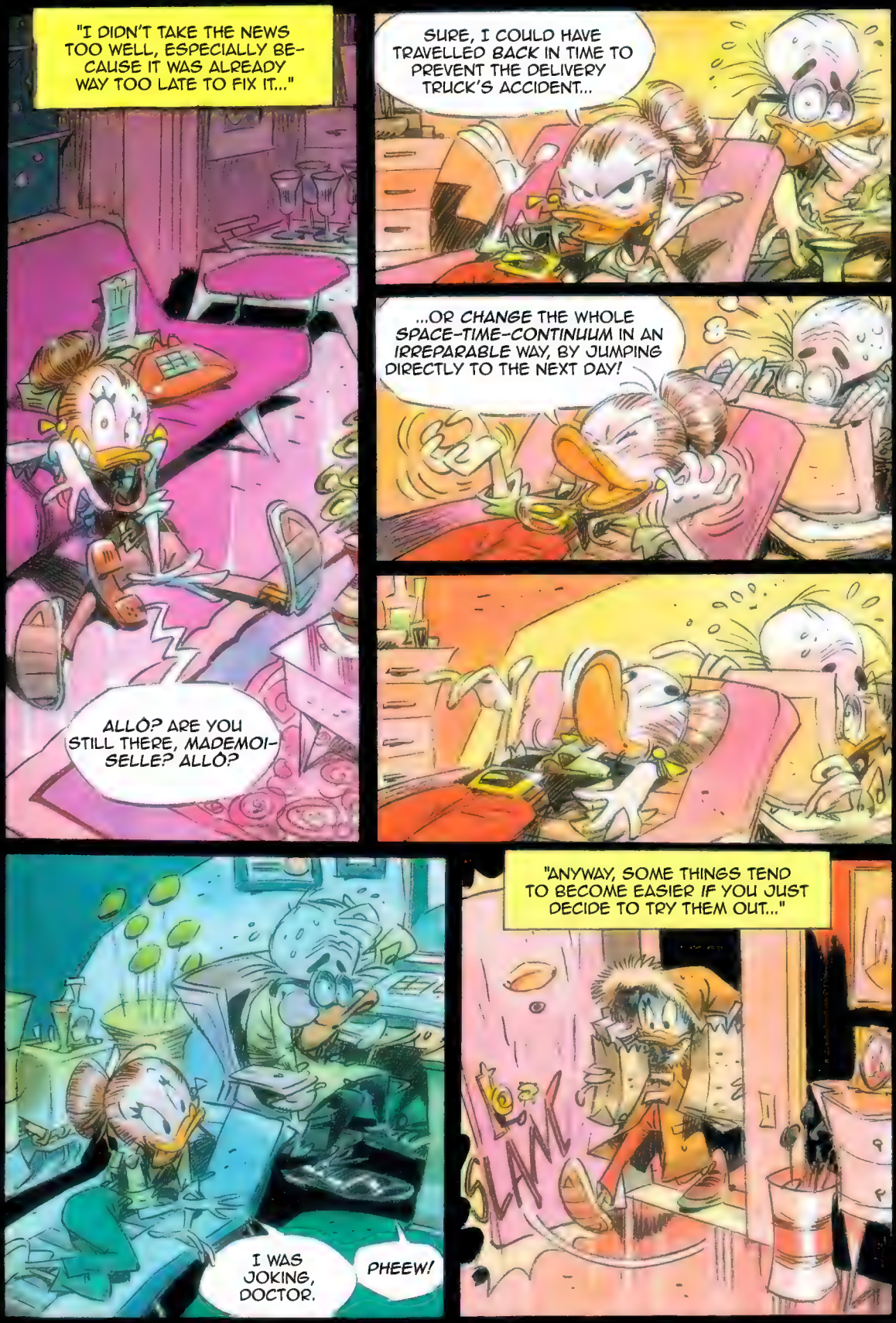

I... I HAVEN'T PREPARED ANYTHING, BUT THERE'S A NEW RESTAURANT IN THE VICINITY, WHERE WE COULD...
OH, NO! WE ALL ARE WAY TOO CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT THE IMPECCABLE LYLA LAY CAN PROCURE IN THE KITCHEN!
HOW DOES EIGHT O' CLOCK SOUND?
"I CAN FIGHT THE TEMPORAL PIRATES! I KNOW HOW TO NAVIGATE THE FLUX OF TIME... BUT EVEN I HAVE MY LIMITS..."
HELLO? AM I TALKING TO "CHEZ PEPÉ - TAKE AWAY FRENCH CUISINE"?
NOTHING WITH KINKS? EHM... WHAT'S THE MOST FRIED DISH ON YOUR MENU?
FRENCH FRIES?
OKAY! I'LL TAKE A SHARE! AND DON'T FORGET TO ADD MUCH SUGAR!
"I DON'T KNOW HOW TO COOK! BUT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I'D BAIL MYSELF OUT, EVEN THIS TIME! AFTER ALL, I'VE LIVED THROUGH WORSE SITUATIONS..."
"I HATED THE THOUGHT OF HAVING TO DECEIVE MY FRIENDS, BUT WHAT ELSE COULD I HAVE DONE? TELL THEM I WASN'T PROGRAMMED TO COOK?
Chez PePe
french cuisine
HOME DELIVERY
Pret-A-Manger
"I HAD THOUGHT CHEZ PEPÉ WOULD BE THE SOLUTION TO MY PROBLEM..."
C'EST TERRIBLE!
"INSTEAD IT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF THIS MESS!"


"I DIDN'T TAKE THE NEWS TOO WELL, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT WAS ALREADY WAY TOO LATE TO FIX IT..."
ALLÔ? ARE YOU STILL THERE, MADEMOISELLE? ALLÔ?
SURE, I COULD HAVE TRAVELLED BACK IN TIME TO PREVENT THE DELIVERY TRUCK'S ACCIDENT...
...OR CHANGE THE WHOLE SPACE-TIME-CONTINUUM IN AN IRREPARABLE WAY, BY JUMPING DIRECTLY TO THE NEXT DAY!
I WAS JOKING, DOCTOR.
PHEEW!
"ANYWAY, SOME THINGS TEND TO BECOME EASIER IF YOU JUST DECIDE TO TRY THEM OUT..."
SLAM

"IN A COOKERY BOOK I FOUND A DISH, WHICH WAS VERY POPULAR AMONGST THE PEOPLE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY..."
RUSSIAN SALAD.
OH!
"EVERYBODY CAN BOIL VEGETABLES AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A GENIUS TO MAKE SOME MAYONNAISE!"
"WASN'T THE MICROWAVE STOVE INVENTED FOR SUCH THINGS?"
TIC TIC TIC TIC TIC
"EGGS SADLY HAVE THE BAD HABIT TO BURST, IF YOU PUT THEM INTO THE MICROWAVE, AGENT LAY..."
AND YOU WON'T GET A GOOD MAYONNAISE THAT WAY.
WELL, I LEARNED THAT THE HARD WAY, DOCTOR!

"STIR QUICKLY, ALWAYS IN THE SAME DIRECTION, WHILE ADDING OIL REGULARLY, TO SALT TO TASTE..."
TO SALT TO TASTE?
FLOTCH FLOTCH FLOTCH
SURE, I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TASTE THINGS, BUT THIS RECIPE WAS HIGHLY ILLOGICAL!
WHAT DOES "TO SALT TO TASTE" EVEN MEAN? I COULD SALT IT TOO LITTLE OR TOO MUCH. AND WHEN IS IT TASTED?
INTERESTING OBSERVATION, AGENT LAY...
AT THIS POINT I OVERCLOCKED MYSELF! WHILE I WAS STIRRING THE MAYONNAISE I ACTIVATED THE TEMPORAL-TELEPATHIC CONNECTION WITH TIME Ø!
"IT WAS TIME FOR MY DAILY REPORT. A PROCESS OF A FEW MINUTES..."
FLOTCH FLOTCH FLOTCH
"A FEW TOO MANY FOR THE VEGETABLES, WHICH WERE BOILING IN THE KETTLE..."
THERMAL SENSORS TO OTHER LEVEL OF COGNITION! OVERHEATING IN PROGRESS!
FLOTCH FLOTCH

FSSSFSSSS
FLOTCH FLOTCH
FLOTCH
BUT I CAN'T JUST STOP STIRRING THE MAYONNAISE! EMERGENCY!
"AND THUS, THREE CENTURIES AFAR..."
XX SEC.
XXI SEC
XXII SEC
XV SEC
INTERVENTION-SQUAD SIGMA-SEVEN TO THE PLATFORM IN THREE SECONDS!
ALARM IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY! AGENT LAY DISRUPTED THE CONNECTION!
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FLOTCH FLOTCH FLOTCH
CRASSH
FSSSSFSS
FLOTCH FLOTCH FLOTCH
WOULD YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO CAST SOME WATER INTO THE KETTLE?
FSSSS
FLOTCH FLOTCH FLOTCH FLOTCH

YOU KNOW, THE BOYS FROM THE INTERVENTION-SQUAD WERE VERY HELPFUL!
THEY MANAGED TO REARRANGE EVERYTHING BEFORE MY GUESTS ARRIVED...
"BUT, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, THEY TURNED OUT TO BE FORMIDABLE COOKS!"
"THE EVENING WENT WONDERFUL AND I RECIEVED A LOT OF PRAISE FOR MY MAYONNAISE!"
EVEN IF THIS ISN'T THE USUAL PROCEDURE, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I LIKED THIS STORY VERY MUCH! BUT THERE'S STILL SOMETHING YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME YET...
WHAT'S YOUR QUESTION?

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE, WHO HAS THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF MY QUESTIONS!
SO, WHAT DOES "TO SALT TO TASTE" MEAN?
"TO SALT TO TASTE"? WELL, IT'S ABSOLUTELY CLEAR! IT'S A TYPICAL EXPRESSION FROM THE TWENTIETH CENTURY... I THINK IT'S...
...OH WELL, I DON'T WANT TO USE OVERLY COMPLICATED EXPRESSIONS, BUT YOU SEE, WITH THE DIMENSIONS OF THE... I MEAN... IN THE SENSE OF..
...OF, AS THEY SAY... IT'S SOME PART OF THE LANGUAGE, WHICH...
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
EXIT
WELL, I THINK YOUR TIME HAS RUN OUT, AGENT LAY!
BUT WE STILL HAVE TEN MINUTES LEFT, DOCTOR!
TIME Ø
Dr. Samuel Fathom
Psychoanalyst
Specialised on
- Droids -
PANT!
LADY, WOULD YOU PLEASE REFUND AGENT LAY THE COST OF TEN MINUTES!
BUT...
NEXT PLEASE!
!
!
FINE